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have been inspired by a desire to guarantee to minorities just conditions of life and a harmonious collaboration with the nationals of the State in which they live—a state of affairs which will contribute to the progressive strengthening of the friendly and good-neighbourly relations between Poland and Germany.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUÉ *on the Polish Ambassador's audience with the Reich Chancellor*

November 5, 1937.

THE Reich Chancellor received the Polish Ambassador in Berlin, M. Lipski, to-day. In his conversation with the Ambassador the Fuehrer-Chancellor gave expression to his satisfaction that it had been possible to reach an understanding on a matter of special importance for Polish-German relations, i.e., the Minorities question. Thus it had been proved that the Polish-German Declaration of January 26, 1934, and the principle of direct negotiation therein provided for, was still demonstrating its value.

In the course of the conversation it was confirmed that Polish-German relations should not meet with difficulties because of the Danzig question.

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M. LIPSKI *to M. Beck*

Berlin, November 5, 1937.

I WAS received by Chancellor Hitler to-day at 12.15 p.m. M. von Neurath, Reich Foreign Minister, was also present.

The Chancellor began by expressing his great satisfaction at the achievement of the Declaration on Minorities.

For my part I stated that in spite of difficulties of a political nature, both internal and external, the Polish Government accepted the Chancellor's suggestion of a Minorities Declaration in an effort to improve German-Polish relations in this regard. The President of the Republic, Marshal Smigly-Rydz, and M. Beck had approached the subject from a broad viewpoint. If, during conversations on the subject of Minorities we had raised the necessity of improving the situation in regard to Danzig, it was in the hope of obtaining a general appeasement.

For his part the Chancellor defined his own attitude, doing so with great precision. He formulated the following points:

(1) There would be no changes in the legal and political position in Danzig (*an der rechts politischen Lage Danzigs wird nichts geandert werden*).

(2) The rights of the Polish population in Danzig would be respected.

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